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POLICY LETTER 6-11

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 271
To: All Hands

Subj: COMMANDER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

1. Alcohol abuse, the illegal distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs, and the wrongful use of legal but controlled substances is contrary to the mission of MWSS-271 and cannot be tolerated. Abuse of these substances destroys our operational effectiveness. It will also destroy the health of our Marines and Sailors, their careers, and eventually their families. We must eradicate the adverse impacts of substance abuse and misuse by eliminating this behavior from our Squadron.

2. We will engage in aggressive Command education and action to prevent and eliminate all forms of substance abuse. The primary focus of effort will be on prevention, education, detection, and appropriate discipline for offenders. This focused multi-method effort will enable our Marines, Sailors, and families to be armed with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues before they develop into serious problems.

3. To support this effort:

a. At least 10 percent of our Squadron will participate in random urinalysis testing each month.

b. All Marines reporting aboard via permanent change of station orders, permanent change of assignment orders, or leave will be tested within 72 hours of arrival.

c. All personnel involved in the collection and shipment of urine samples will be tested at least once per month.

d. The Command will conduct unannounced health and welfare inspections of billeting areas and work spaces.

4. We must ensure that every member of MWSS-271 is committed to eradicating substance abuse from our organization. We will take preemptive action through engaged leadership, training, counseling, and constant vigilance to keep this illegal behavior from destroying our combat effectiveness and the health and general welfare of our individual Marines, Sailors, DOD Civilians and their families.



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